

INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION HANDLING COMMITTEE  
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UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

Office of the Executive Secretary

Attachment 1

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, SIGINT Committee

SUBJECT : Report of the Ad Hoc Panel on Merchant  
Shipping and Fishing Vessels

1. The enclosed report of the Ad Hoc Panel on Merchant Shipping and Fishing Vessels, which has been approved by members of the IHC, is forwarded for your information and appropriate action. The report recommends the following: (a) approval of the current practice of [ ] shipping data in human-readable/machine-readable arrays; (b) designation of the Navy as Assigned Responsible Agency (ARA) to plan and schedule improvements in the formats used; and (c) [ ] improve the timeliness of monthly and quarterly reports of shipping data.

2. The current formats for [ ] are coordinated with those for collateral so that they may be processed together by ADP; the improvements proposed will reduce ambiguities among formats for analysts and permit cargo and passenger data to be handled by ADP. The monthly and quarterly reports tend to fall progressively farther behind schedule reducing their value to analysts in the community.

3. It is requested that your committee ask the Navy to accent the responsibilities of ARA for making improvements in [ ] shipping data formats and arrange [ ] to have monthly and quarterly reports of shipping data produced on schedule.

[ ]  
Executive Secretary

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